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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV ARMS TO MPLA

REF: KINSHASA 3810; LUANDA 502

1. BRANKO VEMIC, FIRST SECRETARY, YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, TOLD DCM MAY 8 THAT ARMS NOW BEING DELIVERED TO MPLA IN ANGOLA RESULT OF REQUEST BY DR. NETO YEAR AGO. YUGOSLAVIA AGREED IN 1974 TO SUPPLY US\$1.5 MILLION WORTH OF QUOTE JEEPS, AMBULANCES, TRUCKS AND SOME ARMS UNQUOTE TO MPLA. ARRIVAL OF ARMS IN LUANDA AT THIS TIME IS COINCIDENCE AND NOT RPT NOT DELIBERATELY PLANNED BY YUGOSLAVIA.

2. VEMIC ADMITTED DELIVERY OF ARMS BY OUTSIDER AT PRESENT TO ANY OF THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA TENDS INCREASE
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CHANCES OF CIVIL WAR AND MAKES NO RPT NO CONTRIBUTION TO FACILI-

TATING POLITICAL SOLUTION. HE ALSO AGREED THAT STRUGGLE FOR POWER BETWEEN MPLA, FNLA AND UNITA WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE FOR MONTHS, BUT EFFORTS OF OUTSIDERS SHOULD BE TO CONTAIN THIS CONTEST WITHIN POLITICAL AREA AND NOT PERMIT RENEWED OUTBREAK OF ARMED VIOLENCE.

3. VEMIC SAID HE HAD URGED DR. NETO TO COOPERATE WITH UNITA, TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE, AND TO BE MODERATE IN EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS, E.G. TO STOP CASTIGATING U.S. AS IMPERIALIST POWER. HE HAD ALSO ADVISED NETO NOT TO FRIGHTEN AWAY FOREIGN ADVISORS BECAUSE ANGOLA NEEDED THEIR EXPERTISE. PROPOSING NATIONALIZATION OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIES, VEMIC TOLD NETO, IS PROBABLY ALL RIGHT AND ACCEPTABLE WITHIN AFRICAN CONTEXT. VEMIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA BELIEVES NETO IS NOT SOVIET COMMUNIST, BUT MARXIST INSPIRED ANGOLAN NATIONALIST.

4. COMMENT: ONE OF VEMIC'S PRINCIPAL TASKS IS TO SERVE AS YUGOSLAVIA'S LIAISON WITH FRELIMO AND MPLA LEADER NETO. VEMIC IS A PARTY OFFICIAL ON HIS FIRST TOUR WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE HAS ENJOYED HIS WORK HERE, HOWEVER, AND HOPES TO OBTAIN DURING HIS HOME LEAVE THIS SUMMER A PERMANENT APPOINTMENT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE HAS BEEN AN ACCURATE REPORTER IN THE PAST, AND OFTEN SURPRISINGLY CANDID. FULL MEMCON FOLLOWS BY POUCH.
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